

Advent - an important message!

If you had some really important news to tell, who would you share it with?

How would you tell them?



In our story today God has a very special announcement to make, but he chooses some very unlikely people to share this news with.

Watch this video made by Joshua and his mum to find out what happened:

<https://youtu.be/sj1YdJIUaoc>

Read what happened in Luke 2:8-20

I wonder why God decided to announce the birth of Jesus to the shepherds first?

What did the shepherds do after they heard the angel's message?

What did the shepherds do after they had seen baby Jesus?

Which surprises you most?

Spend a little time thinking about what happened. Imagine you were one of the shepherds on that hillside. Were you shocked and scared when the angels appeared? What happened next? Why did you rush off to see the new baby? What was it like when you visited baby Jesus lying in the manger? What would you like to say to Jesus now?

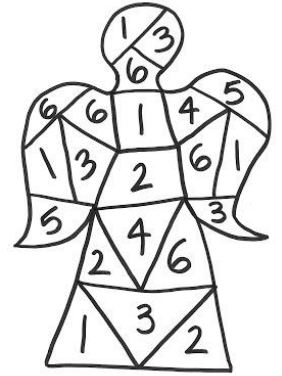
Spend a little time praising God, just like the angels and the shepherds did, maybe thanking him for sending his Son, Jesus, into the world as a tiny baby. The shepherds 'spread the word' about what they had been told. Is there someone we could tell about Jesus this Christmas? How could you share that message?

Father God, thank you for sending Jesus to be born that first Christmas. Thank you for the angels and shepherds who spread the good news of Jesus' birth. Please help us to draw close to Jesus and to tell others about him. Amen

Play this game:

You will each need a copy of the angel (or draw your own) a dice and colouring pencils.

Take it in turns to roll the dice and colour in the number you throw. The first person to colour in the whole angel is the winner!



Make a Christmas card:

We often talk about being a Christian as a journey, in which we find, and come to know Jesus.

- Is it important for people today to find Jesus?
- What kind of message could we give to someone this Christmas?
- A message that would send them on a journey looking for Jesus?

Make a Christmas card for someone, you could draw a picture or use stickers or old Christmas cards to decorate the front. Write a message inside and send it to a friend or family member this Christmas. Don't forget to pray for them too!

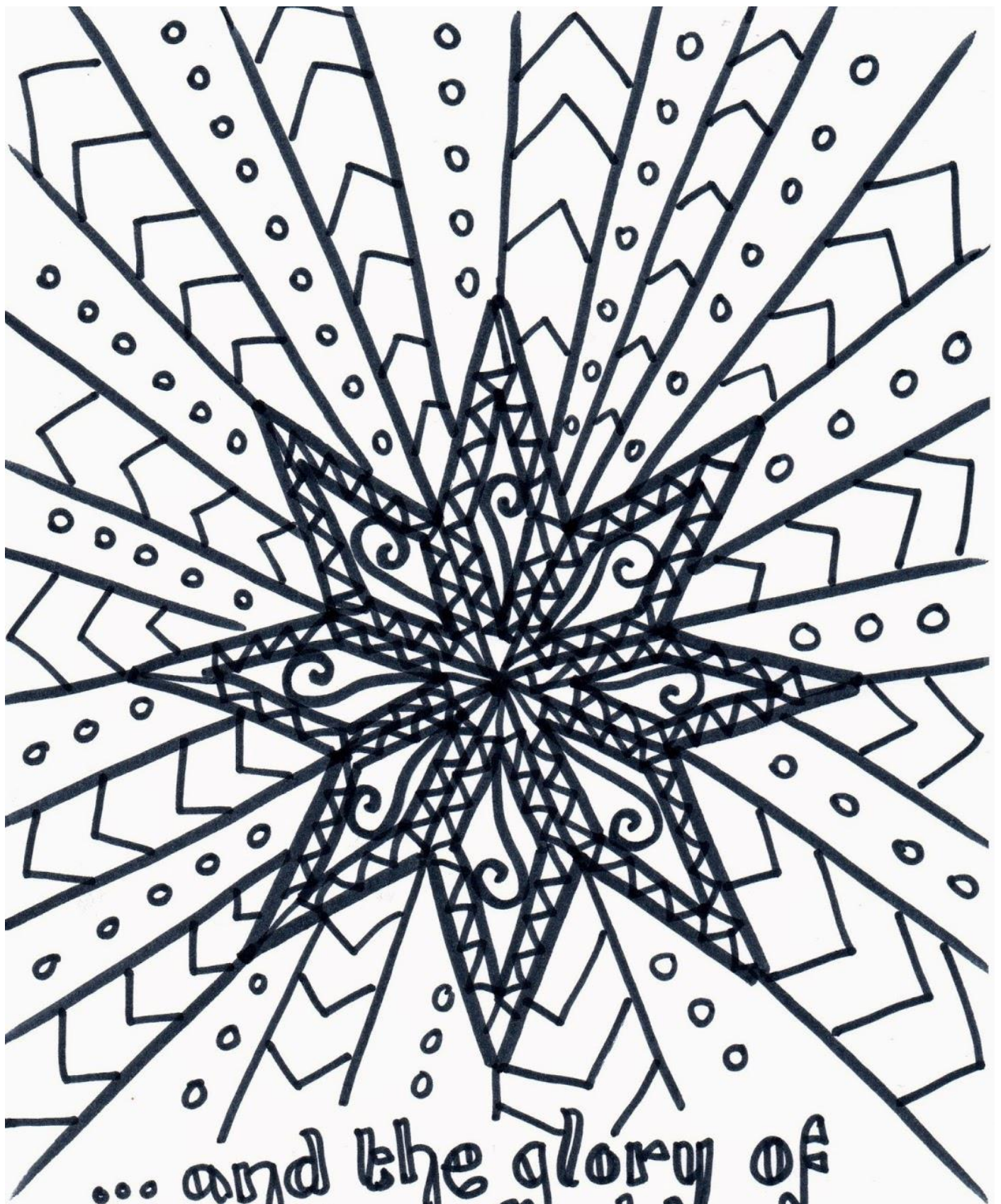
Nativity:

Have you started to make a Nativity scene? Maybe you made Joseph and Mary last week? This week make some shepherds and sheep and maybe some more angels! You could make a stable from a cardboard box too or why not try this simple version in an egg box!



Pray for peace:

There are many places around the world which need God's peace. Find a map or globe and look at some of the places where people are having a difficult time. as you find the places pray for the people there, asking God to bring peace.



... and the glory of
the Lord shone
around them... Luke 2:9

